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New England Expands World Coin Resources

The rapidly growing popularity of ancient and world coinage is making headlines everywhere. On July 2, **Coin World**, the most widely-read numismatic newspaper in America, carried this banner on its front page: "Ancients attract new coin buying public." Beneath the banner, **Coin World** reported on an EF silver decadrachm that brought \$50,000 at public auction — \$10,000 over the coin's estimated value.

With this type of keen enthusiasm for ancient and world coinage growing daily, New England's Ancient & World Coin Division is carefully expanding its resources and redoubling its efforts to keep you one step ahead of the market. Since our last **New England World Selections**, we have travelled to Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Zurich in search of high-quality ancient and world coinage; we have purchased coins at two major conventions and three major auctions; and we are offering virtually all of our new purchases in this latest edition of New England's bi-monthly world coin catalog. We urge you to browse through these pages today and call us toll-free to reserve your coins. Many of the items presented here are sure to disappear quickly.

Our thanks to everyone who responded with orders, and with kind words, to our first **New England World Selections**. We hope you'll find this issue equally exciting and, as we stated last issue, we'll be sending you this catalog **free** for as long as our costs allow. If you have a friend or correspondent who would also like to receive **New England World Selections**, send us his or her name, address and phone number. We'll be happy to include any serious collector on our mailing list.

If you collect United States coins or currency, be sure to send for a copy of the newly-published **Inventory Selections Special**. It's a comprehensive, 48-page catalog filled with high-quality coinage, color photography, special articles and much more. Only \$1.50 from New England.

Gregory Potter
Editor

July Special Feature

Amazing Puerto Rican Peso



Puerto Rico: Peso, 1895
MS-65, Toned

Here from the private vaults of New England Rare Coin Galleries is a dazzling specimen of a rare and popular crown: the 1895 Puerto Rican Peso. Grading a strict MS-65 and with stunning red and blue toning, this is undoubtedly the finest known specimen of this issue. A truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the finest of world coin collections.

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ANCIENT BYZANTINE

W-1 ALEXIOUS-I: 1081-1092, AV—SOLIDUS, (SCYPHATE), VF-35. S-1894. R-2061. Very scarce!.....425.00
W-2 CONSTANS-II: 659-668 AD., AV-SOLIDUS, S-967, MS-65, PROOFLIKE. Constans and Constantine-IV/Heraclius and Tiberius. A full mint state GEM!.....950.00

ANCIENT GREEK

W-3 ANCIENT BRITAIN: EA. 100 BC AV-STATER CF. MACK-135, EF-45. CELTIC DYNASTIC ISSUE. THE CATUVEILAUNI. OBV: Crescents in the angles of a cross. REV: Horse prancing right. "Whaddon Chase Type." Quite rare and seldom offered.....2,500.00
W-4 BOEOTIA: THEBES: 379-338 BC AR-STATER POZZI-1448, VF-35.....850.00
W-5 BRUTTIUM CROTON CA. 510 B.C. AR-STATER BAB. PL. 69-7, EF-45. OBV: Delphic Tripod from which Serpents arise. Rev: Same design incuse. Superb quality!.....6,000.00
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W-7 CORINTH: 400-338 B.C., AR-STATER, VF-35. Head of Athena left/Pegasus flying left.....195.00
W-8 CYME: AEOLIS, CA. 190 B.C. AR-TETRADRACHM BMC-78, MS-63. Mint State! Head of Amazon Cyme/horse walking right, within a wreath. Choice and lustrous!.....1,750.00
W-9 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-181. Mesh-202 (year-3) Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Choice!.....575.00
W-10 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-184. Mesh-205 (year-3). Three stringed lyre/legend in wreath. Popular type!.....595.00
W-11 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 133-134 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-173. Mesh-183 (year-2). Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Year two coins are rare!.....950.00
W-12 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, AU-55. REIF-181. Mesh-202 (year-3). Fluted jug with handle palm branch to right/legend in wreath. Choice!.....575.00
W-13 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, MS-60.....650.00
W-14 JUDEA. 2ND REVOLT: 134-135 A.D. AR-DENARIUS, REIF-187, MS-65. Mesh-206 (year-3). Palm branch/bunch of grapes! Choice iridescent toning.....750.00
W-15 LUCANIA: VELIA: 400-268 B.C., AR-DIDRACHM, FINE-15. BMC-76. Head of Pallas left/lion left, devouring prey.....195.00



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W-16 MACEDON: ALEXANDER THE GREAT, AFTER 323 B.C., EF-45. AR-TETRADRACHM, M-424. Odessa Mint. A charming coin made by the Celts! Usually nice quality!.....795.00
W-17 MACEDON: ARCHELAUS-I. 413-399 B.C. AR-TETRADRACHM, VF-35. BMC-3. Ares right/bridled horse right. Rare!.....875.00
W-18 PAMPHYLIA: ASPENDUS, 400-300 B.C. AR-STATER, VF-35. Two Wrestlers/slinger discharging a sling. Triskeles of human legs to right.....375.00
W-19 PAPHLAGONIA: SINOPE 322-220 BC AR-DRACHM, EF-45. POZZI-2114v. OBV: Head of Sinope left. REV: Sea-eagle on a dolphin left.....650.00
W-20 PARTHIA: VOLOGASES III, 105-147, A.D. AR-DRACHM, AU-55. SELLWOOD-78.....125.00
W-21 PERIA: ARTXERXES-II, 405-359, B.C. AV-DARIC, BMC-58, VF-35. OBV: King running holding Boward spear. REV: Obling incuse. Quite rare!.....3,300.00
W-22 SICILY: SELINUS, 467-445 B.C. AR-TETRADRACHM, VF-30. CF-S-410. River god Selinus left, bull to right, rooster on alter/Artemis and Apollo in quadrigal left. A very rare archaic Greek coin!.....2,500.00
W-23 THRACE: LYSIMACHUS: 323-281 B.C. AV-STATER, EF-45. POZZI-1166v. OBV: Head of Alexander the Great wearing the Horn of Ammon. REV: Athena seated left holding Nike and resting elbow on a shield. A superb coin in the finest style!.....8,250.00

ANCIENT ROMAN

W-24 ANTONIA: D. 37 A.D. AE-DUPONDII RIC-82, EF-45. Antonia right/Claudius left. Some light porosity but still a choice coin!.....550.00
W-25 CLAUDIUS: 41-54 A.D. AE-SESTERTIUS, RIC-60, EF-45. REV: "EX SC OB CIVES SERVATOS" in an oak wreath. MAGNIFICENT PORTRAIT! Olive Green Patin. 1,495.00
W-26 L. PLAUTIUS PLANCUS: 46 B.C. AR-DENARIUS SYD-959B, AU-50. Mask of Medusa/Aurora holding horses of the Sun. Light scratch on obverse.....375.00
W-27 MACRINUS: 217-218 A.D. AR-DENARIUS S-1961, EF-40. Macrinus right/Felicity left.....245.00
W-28 NERO: 50-54 A.D. AV-AUREUS, RIC-95, AU-50. As caesar. REV: Shield of the Equestrian Order. Superb sharp portrait!.....8,500.00
W-29 PROBUS: 276-282 A.D. AV-AUREUS, RIC-309, AU-55. Probus left in military attire/Libertas left. These late Aurii are seldom offered this nice! Quite rare!.....8,750.00
W-30 PUPPIENUS: 238 A.D. AR-DENARIUS RIC-4, VF-35. Papienius right/Pax seated left. His reign lasted only 98 days. Rare!.....475.00



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FOREIGN GOLD

- W-31 AUSTRIA:** 1927, 100-SCHILLINGS FR-435, PROOF-65. Only 69,000 coins struck. Most impressive. 750.00
- W-32 AUSTRIA:** 1929, GOLD 100-SCHILLING, FR-435, PROOF-65. Total mintage including Proofs is only 74,000. FULL PROOF surfaces and frosted devices. 795.00
- W-33 BELGIUM:** 1868, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Seldom seen this nice! 295.00
- W-34 BELGIUM:** 1914, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. The only year of issue of the military bust type! 250.00
- W-35 BELGIUM:** 1914, GOLD 20-FRANCS, FR-13, MS-65. Only year of the military bust type! 295.00
- W-36 CUBA:** 1915, GOLD ONE PESO, PROOF-67. Only 20 to 30 Proofs were struck. Quite rare! 4,500.00
- W-37 CUBA:** 1916, GOLD 10-PESOS, MS-65. Rarely seen this choice! 1,250.00
- W-38 CUBA:** 1916, GOLD, 10-PESO, MS-65. One of the nicest 10-Pesos we have seen. 450.00
- W-39 CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** 1931, GOLD DUCAT, Y-15, MS-65. St. Wenceslas type. Only 43,000 minted! 225.00
- W-40 FINLAND:** 1879, GOLD, 10-MARKKAA, Y-5, MS-65. Only 200,000 struck. Scarce and very choice. 650.00
- W-41 FINLAND:** 1882, gold, 10-MARKKAA, Y-5, MS-65. Only 386,000 struck, scarce and very choice! 595.00
- W-42 FRANCE:** CHARLES-VIII (SEPT. 11, 1483) LAF-554, EF-40. ECUD'OR AU SOLEIL. Toulouse Mint. Traces of solder on reverse. Quite scarce. 475.00
- W-43 FRANCE:** 1815-A, GOLD, 20-FRANCS, MS-67. Louis-XVIII. Struck while Napoleon was exiled to Elba. Superb! (See color photo.) 2,450.00
- W-44 FRANCE:** 1853-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. 375.00
- W-45 FRANCE:** 1853-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, Y-35, MS-67. 550.00
- W-46 FRANCE:** 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. Some obverse bag marks. 425.00
- W-47 FRANCE:** 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. 550.00
- W-48 FRANCE:** 1854-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. 595.00

- W-49 FRANCE:** 1855-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. 475.00
- W-50 FRANCE:** 1857-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. 450.00
- W-51 FRANCE:** 1859-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-63. 425.00
- W-52 FRANCE:** 1860-A, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-65. 575.00
- W-53 FRANCE:** 1865-BB, GOLD 20-FRANCS, MS-67, SEMI-PROOF-LIKE. 795.00
- W-54 GERMANY:** BADEN, 1909-G, GOLD 10-MARKS, PROOF-65. Quite Rare in Proof! (See color photo.) 3,500.00
- W-55 GERMANY:** BAVARIA, 1905-D, GOLD, 10-MARKS, PROOF-63. Very rare in Proof! (See color photo.) 2,250.00
- W-56 GERMANY:** BRUNSWICK-LUNEBURG, 1813, GOLD 5-TALERS, PROOF-65. This Gem Proof is the first such specimen of this coin we have heard of or seen in over 20 years! (See color photo.) 9,500.00
- W-57 GERMANY:** PRUSSIA, 1872-A, GOLD, 10-MARKS, PROOF-63. Very rare in Proof! (See color photo.) 1,950.00
- W-58 GERMANY:** PRUSSIA, 1873-A, GOLD 10-MARK, MS-67. Very scarce this choice! 595.00
- W-59 GERMANY:** PRUSSIA, 1888-A, GOLD 20-MARK, MS-65. One year type. 375.00
- W-60 GERMANY:** PRUSSIA, 1904-A, GOLD 20-MARK, MS-63. 325.00
- W-61 GERMANY:** PRUSSIA, 1905-A, GOLD 10-MARKS, PROOF-67. Only 117 proofs were struck. Extremely choice! 2,750.00
- W-62 GERMANY:** SAXONY, 1616, GOLD DUCAT, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. A dazzling gem! 2,500.00
- W-63 GREAT BRITAIN:** 1902, MATTE PROOF SET, PROOF-65, MATTE. A choice 13-piece set from the 5-Pound gold to the Maundy penny. Choice and very popular! 8,500.00
- W-64 JAPAN:** 1909, GOLD 10-YEN, MS-65. Choice and scarce! 1,350.00
- W-65 KATANGA:** 1961, GOLD, 5-FRANCS, FR-1, MS-65. The only gold coin of this country. Only 20,000 struck! 395.00
- W-66 LIECHTENSTEIN:** 1930, GOLD 10-20 FRANKEN, FR-15/16, MS-67, PROOF-LIKE. Only 2,500 minted of this very rare and choice two piece gold set! 4,500.00

- W-67 MEXICO:** 1822, GOLD 8-ESCUDOS, MS-63. Probably the finest known specimen of the RARE Gold 8-Escudo of Augustin Iturbide. 12,500.00
- W-68 MEXICO:** 1904 MO.M. GOLD 5-PESOS, MS-65, PROOF-LIKE. Extremely popular and quite choice! 2,500.00
- W-69 MEXICO:** 1922, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63. 1,295.00
- W-70 MEXICO:** 1924, GOLD 50-PESOS, FR-172, MS-63. 1,295.00
- W-71 MONACO:** 1904-A, GOLD 100-FRANCS, Y-1, AU-55. The rarest date of this type with only 10,000 struck! 1,250.00
- W-72 NETHERLANDS:** 1827-B, GOLD 5-GULDEN, C-82, EF-45. Very scarce! Solder removed from edge. 1,000.00
- W-73 NETHERLANDS:** 1879, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-63. Scarce date! 300.00
- W-74 NETHERLANDS:** 1879, GOLD 10-GULDEN, YA-16, MS-65. Scarce date! 350.00
- W-75 NETHERLANDS:** 1879/7 OVERDATE, GOLD 10-GULDEN, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. A choice example of this rare and important overdate! 1,450.00
- W-76 NETHERLANDS:** 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, FR-22, Y-28, MS-65. The only "collectible" year of this type! 345.00
- W-77 NETHERLANDS:** 1897, GOLD 10-GULDEN, FR-22, Y-28, MS-65. The only "collectible" year of this type! 375.00
- W-78 NETHERLANDS:** UTRECHT, 1724, GOLD DUCAT, FR-98, MS-63. A handsome specimen from the Akerendam find. 595.00
- W-79 NORWAY:** 1874, GOLD 10-KRONER, Y-17, MS-65. This rare one year type is in great demand; only 24,000 struck! 2,000.00
- W-80 PORTUGAL:** 1835, GOLD 4-ESCUDOS, C-112B, MS-63, PROOF-LIKE. Only 2,789 pieces struck. A few small planchet defects. 3,200.00
- W-81 PRUSSIA:** 1888-A, GOLD 10-MARKS, MS-63. 295.00
- W-82 RUSSIA:** 1910, GOLD 5-ROUBLE, PROOF-65. Less than 100 proofs struck. RARE! (See color photo.) 2,500.00

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W-87 SWITZERLAND: 1899-B, GOLD 20-FRANCS, FR-7, MS-65.....250.00

FOREIGN CROWNS

- W-88 AUSTRIA:** 1763-KB, THALER, MS-62. PROOFLIKE, Franz-I. A frosty proof-like specimen, very scarce in Mint State!.....875.00
W-89 AUSTRIA: AVERSBERG, 1805, TALER, D-39, MS-65. PROOFLIKE. Dazzling rainbow colors enhance this rare crown. Only 792 pieces struck!.....3,500.00
W-90 AUSTRIA: BRAZ, 1651, TALER, MS-65. A fully struck lightly toned specimen. The finest example we have seen. (See color photo.).....2,950.00
W-91 AUSTRIA: KHEVENHULLER-METSCH, 1771, TALER, D-1189, MS-63. Only 200 pieces struck rarely offered in any grade. Possibly the finest known specimen! (See color photo.).....8,500.00
W-92 BAVARIA: 1838, DOUBLE THALER, THUN-76, MS-65. PROOFLIKE. Commemorated the reappointment of Bavaria. These double thalers are rarely seen in mint state!.....2,500.00
W-93 CANADA: 1939, DOLLAR, MS-63. King's visit to Parliament.....45.00
W-94 CANADA: 1935, DOLLAR, MS-67. King George-V Jubilee. Superb!.....120.00
W-95 CHINA: 1914, 1-DOLLAR, Y-322, MS-63. General Yuan Shih-Kai facing in full military uniform.....350.00

- W-96 CHINA:** 1924, DOLLAR, KANN-683, MS-63. PROOFLIKE, President Tuan Chi-Jui facing. Scarce! 495.00
W-97 CUBA: 1915, PESO, Y-9, PROOF-67. Dazzling sea-green to gold toning. Very rare. Only 20 pieces struck in Proof! (See color photo.).....4,950.00
W-98 CUBA: 1916, PROOF SET, PROOF-63, 65. Only 20 sets were minted. Rarely offered for sale!.....8,500.00
W-99 FRANCE: 1814-A, 5-FRANCS, D-86, MS-65. Louis XVIII uniform bust. Struck while Napoleon was on Elba. Dazzling gem. Very rare!.....3,000.00
W-100 FRANCE: 1814-D, 5-FRANCS, D-86, MS-63. Superb condition. Scarce mint!.....1,500.00
W-101 FRANCE: 1848-A, 5-FRANCS, D-92, MS-63, PROOFLIKE. The popular Hercules design of the Second Republic! Scarce in mint state!.....395.00
W-102 FRANCE: 1848-A, 5-FRANCS, D-92, MS-65, PROOFLIKE. The popular Hercules design of the Second Republic! Scarce in mint state!.....495.00
W-103 FRANCE: 1849-A, 5-FRANCS, D-92, MS-63, PROOFLIKE. The popular Hercules design of the Second Republic! Scarce in mint state!.....395.00
W-104 FRANCE: 1849-A, 5-FRANCS, D-92, MS-65, PROOFLIKE. The popular Hercules design of the Second Republic! Scarce in mint state!.....495.00
W-105 FRANCE: 1849-A, 5-FRANCS, D-92, MS-67, PROOFLIKE. The popular Hercules design of the Second Republic! Scarce in mint state!.....750.00
W-106 FRANKFURT: 1841, DOUBLE THALER, THUN-131, PROOF-65. This is the first Proof Double Thaler we have seen in over 20 years. Rary rare!.....4,250.00
W-107 GENOA: 1622, SCUDO, D-3900, VF-35. Crowned Portal/Cross Stars in Angeles. Scarce!.....235.00
W-108 GERMAN EAST AFRICA: 1892, 1-RUPIE, MS-67. A glittering Gem! Quite exceptional!.....475.00
W-109 GERMAN NEW GUINEA: 1894-A, 5-MARKS, MS-65. A choice specimen of the rare "Bird of Paradise" crown! (See color photo.).....5,500.00
W-110 GERMANY: 1927-A, 5-MARKS, Y-49, PROOF-67. A Gem Frosted Proof example of the popular "Oaktree" design. Quite rare in Proof!.....2,000.00



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- W-111 GERMANY:** 1929-F, 5-MARKS, Y-66, PROOF-65. 10th year of the Constitution. Rare in Proof! (See color photo.).....1,500.00
W-112 GERMANY: 1929-F, 5-MARKS, Y-63, PROOF-63, CAMEO. Lessing's 200th anniversary. Rare in Proof! 1,450.00
W-113 GERMANY: 1930-A, 5-MARKS, Y-70, PROOF-67. Flight of the Graf Zeppelin. Rare in Proof! (See color photo.).....2,500.00
W-114 GERMANY: 1934-F, 5-MARKS, Y-84, PROOF-63, CAMEO. Potsdam garrison church. (With date) Rare in Proof.....650.00
W-115 GERMANY: 1934-J, 5-MARK, Y-85, MS-63. (N.D.) Potsdam Church.....55.00
W-116 GERMANY: ANHALT, 1863, TALER, MS-65, PROOFLIKE. Mintage is only 20,300 pieces. Handsomely toned.....595.00

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- W-117 GERMANY:** ANHALT, 1914-A, 5-MARK, PROOF-65. Silver Wedding anniversary issue. Rare in Proof!.....1,295.00
W-118 GERMANY: BAVARIA, 1778, TALER, MS-63. A choice, beautifully toned example of the Madonna-taler. 1,450.00
W-119 GERMANY: BAVARIA, 1868, TALER, T-103, MS-65. 950.00
W-120 GERMANY: BAVARIA, 1869, MADONNA THALER, MS-65, PROOFLIKE. The finest we have seen!.....450.00
W-121 GERMANY: BAVARIA, 1913-D, 5-MARKS, PROOF-65, CAMEO. Quite rare, handsomely frosted! 2,500.00

World Coin Commentary

By Frank L. Garofalo

Director, Ancient & World Coin Division

Activity was brisk and attendance heavy at the recent Chicago International Coin Fair (held May 30-31) and the C.O.I.N. Show (held June 13-15) in Los Angeles. The C.I.C.F. was one of the busiest conventions we have seen in years, with an unusually large number of dealers from overseas in attendance. Bourse activity was hectic and most dealers "threw away the book" when pricing or buying really choice or rare coins. An 1839 Proof set of Great Britain, containing the rare and beautiful "UNA and the Lion" 5-Pound Gold, sold on the floor for a record \$57,500.

Further surprises awaited dealers at the auction held in conjunction with the C.I.C.F. The most dramatic was the sale of a 1915 Cuban Gold Proof set, which had been offered intact to the public in January at \$27,500 — and did not sell. Subsequently, the set was placed in this auction and broken into individual lots. The sale of these lots produced astounding results. In furious bidding, the coins from the set realized a total of \$52,000 — almost a \$25,000 gain over the January sale price. Overall, prices realized at the C.I.C.F. were 50% to 300% over estimates!

The C.O.I.N. Show has been held annually for more than 16 years, and this year's convention was the busiest to date. Many of the dealers in attendance arrived in Los Angeles earlier that week for the U.S., foreign and ancient auctions conducted by a number of

California firms. Thus the stage was set for heavy activity at the auctions and later on the bourse. A small but select group of English Gold highlighted the foreign auction. A Gold Sovereign in EF of Mary I of 1553 realized a record \$23,000, while a rare Elizabeth I Gold Half-Pound realized \$8,000. Among the Thalers offered, a 1479 Austrian Show Guldiner brought \$11,000.

Without doubt, the strongest area at the foreign auction was German coinage. German New Guinea "Bird of Paradise" 5-Marks in AU brought \$3,000. Especially active were the 19th Century Thalers and Double-Thalers and early 20th Century issues in Choice BU and Proof. A Bavarian 1848 Double Thaler, UNC, Statue of Von Gluck, brought \$4,800; a very rare Frankfurt 1849 2-Gulden in BU (only 200 pieces struck) sold for a record \$11,000. Some of the strongest gains were recorded for the 2- and 3-Marks of Prussia in Proof, with several pieces realizing 3 to 4 times many dealers' current retail prices.

Overall, convention and auction activity has never been more hectic. If the shows held in May and June are an indication of future activity, then the ANA Convention should prove to be one of the busiest forums for world coins yet, with some of the finest material and dealers in the world in attendance.

Glossary of Ancient Numismatic Terms

Ancient numismatic terms used in the pages of New England World Selections are defined below. For a brief history of ancient coinage, see the feature article that appears on page 8.

Antoninianus. Usually a silver-washed copper coin, head radiate, issued by Romans.

As. *Aes rude* and *aes infectum*, early forms of copper money in ancient Rome. As, a Roman copper coin, usually reddish in color, equal to four copper *quadrantes*.

Aureus. Roman gold coin.

Cistophorus. Silver coin of kingdom of Pergamos, Greece, 200 B.C.

Dupondius. Roman brass coin, usually with yellow color, equal to two copper *asses*.

Daric. A coin of Darius II of Persia.

Denarius. Roman silver coin first issued 268 B.C. It was equivalent to 10 *asses*.

Diobol (Di-two). Greek coin equal to two *obols*.

Didrachm (Di-two). Greek coin worth 10 *drachma* or 60 *obols*.

Drachm. Greek coin equal to six *obols*.

Electrum. Metal found in natural state which contained gold and silver.

Electron Hekton. Coin of island of Lesbos (now Mytilene) made of natural alloy of gold and silver.

Lepton. *Lepton* had different values and weights throughout the Greek world. Usually a small copper coin.

Octodrachm. Gold coins issued in memory of Arsinoe, who died in Egypt in 270 B.C.

Pentadrachm. Gold coins issued in Egypt by Ptolemy I.

Quinarius. Roman coin equal to eight copper *asses*.

Sestertius. Roman silver coin one fourth the weight and value of a *denarius*, later struck in brass.

Semis. Half an *as*, a Roman coin denomination.

Stater. Greek coin equal to two *drachms* or 12 *obols*, same as a *didrachm*.

Triens. Gold coin Byzantine introduced 254 A.D.

Tartaron. A term applied in late Roman times to a bronze coin.

Tetrobol. Greek coin equal to four *obols*.

Triobol. Greek coin equal to three *obols*.

Tetradrachm. Greek coin worth four *drachma* or 24 *obols*.

Trihemiobol. Greek coin equal to 1½ *obols*.

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(obverse)



Austria: Graz, 1651
Thaler
MS-65



Austria: Khevenhuller-Metsch, 1771
Thaler
MS-63



Cuba: 1915
Peso
Proof-67



Germany: Nassau, 1837
Kronenthaler
MS-67, Prooflike



Germany: Saxe-Altenburg, 1903
5-Marks
Proof-65



Germany: "Hindenburg", 1929-F
5-Marks
Proof-65



Germany: "Graf Zeppelin", 1930-A
5-Marks
Proof-67



German New Guinea: 1894-A
5-Marks
MS-65



Ireland: 1804
6 Shillings
Proof-65



Netherlands: 1808
50-Stuivers
MS-67



France:
1815-A
Gold 20-Francs
MS-67



Germany:
Baden, 1909-G
Gold 10-Marks
Proof-65



Germany:
Bavaria, 1905-D
Gold 10-Marks
Proof-63



Germany:
Brunswick-Lunenborg
Gold 5-Thalers
Proof-65



Germany:
Prussia, 1872-A
Gold 10-Marks
Proof-63



Russia:
1910
Gold 5-Roubles
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Germany: Saxony-Altenburg, 1903
5-Marks
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Germany: "Hindenburg", 1929-1
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Germany: "Graf Zeppelin", 1930-A
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Coinage of the Ancient World

By Mary Ann Bacher

This brief history of ancient coinage emphasizes the coins of Greece and its colonies, the Roman Empire and the Byzantines. There are, of course, other civilizations which produced coinage in ancient times. The Far East, for instance, has a rich numismatic tradition that dates back to the bronze Pu (spade money) and Tao (knife money) of China's Chou Dynasty (1122-225 B.C.). Future issues of *New England World Selections* will include special features on related coin series.



Greek Coinage

The earliest coins were issued by the Ionian Greeks or the Lydians of Western Asia Minor in the 7th Century B.C. They were produced in electrum (an alloy of gold and silver) without obverse or reverse design. The Lydian King Kroisos (Crousus), who reigned from 561-546 B.C., introduced obverse designs and bimetallic coinage by stamping a lion facing a bull on gold coins called *stateres*. (One gold *stater* was equal in value to 20 silver *stateres*.) By the middle of the 6th Century, coinage was introduced to Greece itself, where a number of mints commenced operations. Most coins of this Archaic Period (from the birth of coins to the Persian defeat in 479 B.C.) simply have an incuse square on their reverses. The obverses, however, are rich in religious symbolism, showing emblems such as animals, gods, plants or figures from mythology. Most of these designs are simple, have a stiff look, and lack artistic finesse. The bodies of flying birds, for instance, are in profile while the wings are depicted as if viewed from below.



The period from the Persian Wars to the time of Alexander the Great (479-336 B.C.) is termed the Classical Period of Greek coinage. To the artists of this period, coinage presented a new challenge. They saw numismatics as a new way to celebrate man and his world. Coin obverses assumed a more realistic and artistic style, often portraying the human face or a symbol celebrating the

gods; while the reverses showed emblems peculiar to each city-state. Perhaps the most beautiful coins of this period are those of Magna Graecia, the colonies of southern Italy and Sicily.

In the Hellenistic Age, which spans three centuries until the suicide of Cleopatra in 30 B.C., Greek coinage became the accepted medium of exchange in the vast areas of the Near East conquered by Alexander the Great. Coins were mass produced to carry the ruler's image to far corners of the kingdom. To accommodate these needs, die-engravers worked quickly and often compromised the artistic standard of the coinage. Many coins of the late Hellenistic Age reflect this hurried, careless production.

As the grip of Rome tightened on Greece, most of the Greek cities were forbidden to issue silver coinage, and many ceased operations completely. However, once Greece was under the Roman Empire's control, many Greek mints, particularly those of Asia Minor, revived Greek coinage. This Greek imperial coinage survived until the collapse of the Roman Empire in the 3rd Century A.D. Most of these coins bear imperial portraits on the obverse and an inscription or type of local interest on the reverse. Chronologically, this Greek coinage belongs to Roman times.

Roman Coinage

Early Roman coins, the bronze *Aes Grave* first issued in 269 B.C., basically followed Greek lines. The designs show mythological beings, commercial products or deities of a given area. For instance, one of the first Roman types depicts Janus, the god of beginnings. The *aes* issue was struck under the supervision of the *Triumviri monetales*, a college of three men established around 289 B.C. Silver coins were then struck about 268 B.C. and included a greater



variety of types than the cast bronze coins. This opportunity for variation led to the use of coins as political leverage in the hands of the *Triumviri*. In the middle of the 2nd Century B.C., the ambitious moneyers began to depict their own ancestral contributions on their issues in order to gain personal recognition. Coinage of this period is replete with exploits of legendary people and events, accompanied by the names of officials who wanted to declare direct connection with the illustrations. It was these coins that introduced propaganda to the Roman series.

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Coinage of the Ancient World

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In the 1st Century B.C., political strife produced major changes in the Roman government and in coins as well. Coinage ceased to be purely an economic end; it became a political tool as well. For the first time, portraits were placed on coins and used as propaganda for aspiring leaders. Julius Caesar, for instance, struck coins showing his own personal victories and the standards of the legions he led, while Marc Antony struck coins bearing his portrait along with that of his mistress, Cleopatra. These imperial coins foreshadowed the imperial portrait coins of the Roman Emperors.



The Roman Empire struck coinage for five centuries. The gold coins, the *aureus* and *solidus*, are scarce today but, when available, are often found in excellent condition, while silver coins are usually found in fair condition. This is because coins made of precious metals tended to be hoarded. However, top-quality specimens of bronze coins, the *sestertius*, *folles*, etc., are rare today because they were circulated until nearly smooth.

In the Christian era, Gaius Octavius (better known as Augustus, a name conferred by the Senate) took full control of the Roman Republic. Augustus realized the full potential of coinage as a tool to serve his ends, and thus assumed control of it. He skillfully used coinage as an instrument of propaganda, not only by showing his portrait but also by using inscriptions and types proclaiming his legitimacy and his successes. From the time of the Emperor Augustus, Roman coinage continued to be perfected as an artistic medium and as a tool of imperial rule. Under Nero, for instance, Roman coinage assumed an artistic quality that had not been seen since the best of the Greek pieces. Nero's portraits shifted from the realistic approach of earlier Roman coins to an idealized type of design. Nero is portrayed in the style of the mighty Greek leaders. Other emperors struck coins proclaiming their successors, commemorating their public works and deifying past emperors and family members.

Byzantine Coinage

At first a continuation of Roman coinage, Byzantine coins soon developed a style of their own which evolved over a 1,000-year period. Byzantium actually forms a bridge between the ancient and Medieval worlds, with its own distinct culture centered around Christianity. While Byzantine coins are sometimes poorly struck and crudely engraved, they include a fascinating variety of types, fabrics and styles.

Base metal issues, usually copper, are the most common Byzantine coins available to today's collector. Anastasius I, who

ruled from 491-518 A.D., introduced a series of copper denominations with a Greek letter indicating their value as the most prominent feature of the reverse. Beginning with the Empire of Justinian I, the emperor's regnal year was added to the reverse design. These reverse types set the pattern for copper coinage for the following three centuries. The obverse designs of copper coins of this period show a transition from the Roman profile bust to the Byzantine facing bust.

In 692 A.D., Justinian II placed the bust of Christ on the obverse of gold coinage and relegated his own portrait to the reverse, which bears the inscription "Servant of Christ." The veneration of religious images was forbidden during the years of Iconoclasm (roughly dating from 726-842 A.D.), so numismatic art reverted to imperial portraiture in those years. Byzantine religious art blossomed again in the later years of the 9th Century, and coins of the 10th and 11th Centuries depict the bust or throned figure of Christ; the Virgin with the infant Christ or with an emperor; archangels; and a variety of saints.



After the Latin conquest of 1204, Byzantine coinage shows increasing Western influence. The coins of the Latin Empire depict Saints Peter and Paul embracing, the head of a cherub, the fleur-de-lis, and an eagle with spread wings. The coins of the final period of Byzantine history (the Palaeologan Dynasty) exhibit some interesting designs, though Western influence is quite apparent from the end of the 13th Century. The end of the Byzantine Empire came in 1453 when the Turks captured Constantinople.

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